

Portland Harbor Community Advisory Group

Draft Minutes for June 11, 2003

6 PM to 8:15 PM

CAG Members Present:

Neighborhood Associations:

Robin Plance	St. Johns N. A., Chair,	Admin. committee coordinator
Cathy Crawford	University Park	
Peter Laughingwolf	Friends of Cathedral Park	

Business:

Rob De Graff	Portland Business Alliance
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Environment:

Rhett Lawrence	OSPIRG	
Dorothy Shoemaker	Sierra Club,	Secretary, Evaluation committee coord.

Recreation:

Bill Barrett	WOO, replaces Tom McInnis, (b) (6)
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Public Health:

Jane Haley-Harris	OCEH
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At-Large:

Jim Robison	Citizen
Joe Keating	Oregon Wildlife Federation – Educ. and Outreach coord.

Other Participants:

Judy Smith	EPA	(b) (6)	Citizen
Barbara Smith	LWG	Kim Cox	City of Portland
Chip Humphrey	EPA	Jim Anderson	DEQ
Christine Psyk	EPA	Rene Fuentes	EPA
Amanda Guay	DHS	Dana Davoli	EPA
Dave Stone	DHS	Sue Safford	Port of Portland
(b) (6)	Citizen		

Excused:

Larry Talbert	HiNoon
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Robin Plance, chair, brought the meeting to order at 6:10 PM. Introductions were made. The agenda was approved.

Then next meeting was scheduled for 6 PM to 8 PM, July 9, 2003, in the same location.

MOTION to approve the minutes for May 14, 2003 CAG meeting. JR moved, RL seconded. Agreed.

In these minutes, "Agreed" means that all who voted said "Aye".



COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Education and Outreach:

Joe Keating reported that he talked to the Eastside Democratic Club. Dorothy Shoemaker and Jim Robison were also in attendance. The website will be up soon (this month). Website: **portlandharborcag.org**

Administrative Committee:

MOTION: With EJAG gone, Travis Williams representing Willamette Riverkeeper requests going back to the environmental category in membership. JR moved, CC seconded. Agreed.

Membership Letters:

MOTION: Accept letterhead designed by WRK, altered by DS to have correct logo. JK moved, RdeG seconded. Agreed.

MOTION: Authorize letter written by JK and DS, to be sent to those who have missed at least 3 meetings, warning them that they should contact us or lose their seat. RdeG moved, RL seconded. Agreed.

MOTION: Authorize DS to contact absent members by email or phone, if their mailing addresses are not available. JR moved, JK seconded. Agreed.

Other membership issues:

MOTION: Move Joe from environmental category to at-large. JR moved, RL seconded. Agreed.

MOTION: Make Jane Haley-Harris a member of the CAG, representing the Oregon Center for Environmental Health in the public health category. DS moved, JK seconded. Agreed.

MOTION: Bill Barrett as alternate for Tom McInnis in the recreation category. RdeG moved, CC seconded. Agreed.

AMENDED: Bill Barrett will take Tom McInnis's place. RdeG moved, CC seconded. Agreed.

MOTION: Buy recorder for DS to record CAG meetings without her having to write at the same time as she participates in the meetings. Also buy tapes for the recording machine. Authorized to spend up to \$50, and to contact WRK to be refunded. JK moved, RdeG seconded. Agreed.

Grant Application: JK says he put in the grant application discussed previously. RP talked to Rex Burkholder's office at Metro. RP said he would make some more calls.

MOTION: Authorize \$50 for refreshments at the next 3 meetings. JK moved, JR seconded, Agreed.

Cathy Crawford volunteered, at RP's request, to take minutes while the Evaluation committee was discussed. The following are her notes:

DS explained that there are two draft documents currently under discussion: the Work Plan and the Field Sampling Plan. RP explained that we would not discuss the FSP right now, but rather table it to July.

DS pointed out that some comments that have been suggested are:

1. The ISA is defined arbitrarily. (See Regina's comments.)
2. Sampling is one from each fish guild, instead of all eaten. (Vinh Mason had this concern.)

JK explained that the EPA will put together DEQ's, WRK's, and the tribe's comments along with their own, and deliver it all to the LWG and us at the same time. We may get them June 20.

Chip Humphrey said we could have 2 weeks to comment. At that time, the LWG will expect our comments.

There was discussion of the timeline for our comments. The evaluation committee scheduled a meeting July 1 at DS's house. If the EPA releases their comments July 20, we will plan to have ours ready by July 9.

DS reported that the evaluation committee met at her house. JH, RL, and DS of the CAG attended, and VM of the OCEH. Although attendance was poor, they planned the work plan response. JH will draft a response, with input from RL and DS. (b) (6). There was also discussion of the problem of getting comments late. The EPA response to our comments did not reach us for months, and Regina's comments to the CAG were delayed.

VM is concerned about the sampling depth. It is set arbitrarily at a few inches. Vinh says that if they find toxics, they should keep looking deeper until no more is found.

JK discussed having a press conference to announce our reaction to the LWG Work Plan and Field Sampling Plan. He will start planning it. JK is interested in using the press conference for outreach.

DS resumes note-taking.

We discussed the CAG Work Plan, the timeline for our work.

7/9	Comments on LWG Work Plan
7/9	Field Sampling Plan comments (The FSP comments from EPA will be 2 to 3 weeks behind their comments on the Work Plan.)
?	Barbara Smith presentation on FSP?
~7/15	Source control strategy document ready (currently in review)
8/13	CAG comments on source control strategy document
9/10	Data ready for discussion
11/?	Next major comments due.

JR commented that we need to engage the public in vision and goals for Portland Harbor cleanup process. He suggested open houses.

RP pointed out the importance of ethnic diversity in outreach.

CC said that in setting the vision, we need to warn of the limits to what's possible.

RdeG said that River Renaissance, the McCormick and Baxter site, and the Willamette Cove cleanup, are setting visions of what's next.

PL suggested a 3-4 hour workshop, and a committee to talk to all the agencies.

JK asked how all these studies show a vision for the harbor?

RdeG said that River Renaissance suggests a prosperous, working harbor.

Suggestion: River Renaissance come to one of our meetings. Possibly September 2003.

The draft River Renaissance plan is due January 2004.

JK: The community can be involved in

1. Getting PRPs to join the LWG.
2. hotspot cleanup

The website can be used to communicate progress and current issues.

Sue Safford said she would find out the timeline for the Port of Portland cleanup.

Portland Harbor 101: CAG members should email their priorities for PH 101 to RP.

SB 751:

RL reported that most of the "bad" part has been dropped. The State of Oregon would be the sole Responsible Party under this bill. OSPIRG opposes it because it's "feel good" and "do nothing". The process for Portland Harbor cleanup is already in place (Superfund). JK reported that the Sierra Club also opposes SB 751. The bill forms the Willamette River Cleanup Authority. CH of the EPA and RL both said that it might not have much impact.

MOTION: The CAG opposes SB751. RL will write the letter, in email form. The administrative committee is authorized to send it. JR moved, JK seconded. Agreed, with RdeG abstaining.

RP adjourned the meeting at 7:55 PM.